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SUBJECT: PNG REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON

REF: PORT MORESBY 328

1. DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH PNG OFFICE ON DAY-TO-DAY MATTERS. FORMAL DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS SUCH AS NOTES AND AIDES MEMOIRE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO BE ADDRESSED TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY UNTIL INDEPENDENCE. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES GOOD WILL ON ALL SIDES SHOULD ENABLE US TO AVOID SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

2. DEPARTMENT PREFERS REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMISSIONER BECAUSE: (1) HIGH COMMISSIONER IS TITLE FOR CHIEF OF MISSION OF ONE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY IN ANOTHER; (2) DEPARTMENT KNOWS OF NO OTHER PRECEDENT FOR USE OF TERM COMMISSIONER IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION; (3) USG USES TERM COMMISSIONER IN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT WAY. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, CONFIDENTIAL

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THERE IS NO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT GIVING GUIDANCE

ON THIS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. IN ANY CASE, THE FUNCTIONAL
TITLE OF REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE TEMPORARY.

3. INCIDENTALLY, THE FORMAL NAME OF EA/ANP IS BEING
CHANGED TO "AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND
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